

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-9 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2 and 4-9 are amended, and claim 3 is canceled.

I. Support for Claim Amendments

Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 2 can be found on at least page 19, lines 10-14. Support for the amendments to claims 4-9 can be found on at least page 22, lines 20-25 and page 24, lines 2-5. No new matter is added.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. As claim 3 has been canceled, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action rejects claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0057454 (Ueda). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, in part, "a record search device that tabulates records of editing and printing processing..., said records including at least one of a first data that indicates how many times each user has accessed a certain type of image and a second data that indicates how many times the image was edited and printed." Claim 2 recites a similar feature.

Ueda does not disclose a record search device that tabulates the claimed "records." Instead, Ueda discloses "keyword searching." In Ueda, keywords describing the characteristics of material are recorded onto material numbers and allocated to the respective materials. Keywords describing characteristics of templates are allocated in a similar manner (see paragraph [0113]). In addition, numerical values indicating priorities are assigned to the keywords and the one with the high total of the numerical values of the corresponding

keywords may be used as a search result (see paragraph [0114]). Thus, Ueda does not teach a record search device that tabulates records of editing and printing processing, "said records including at least one of a first data that indicates how many times each user has accessed a certain type of image and a second data that indicates how many times the image was edited and printed."

As Ueda does not teach or suggest each and every feature of the claimed invention, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 2 is respectfully requested. Further, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 4-9, which variously depend from claim 1, is respectfully requested at least based on their dependence on an allowable base claim, as well as for additional features they recite.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 2 and 4-9 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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